heritage open days

Discover Burnley and Hyndburn

September 2025

Discover the rich heritage across Burnley, Padiham, Accrington, Oswaldtwistle and Brierfield.

From historic buildings and landmarks to exhibitions, tours and talks. Whether you're a local resident or a visitor, Heritage Open Days invites you to step back in time and discover the stories that have shaped our region.

For more information about Heritage Open Days visit **heritageopendays.org.uk**

PADIHAM LIBRARY WALK

Padiham Town Hall, Burnley Road, Padiham, BB12 8BS
10 September 6.30-8pm

Padiham Library is situated within Padiham Town Hall, a Grade 2 listed building opened in 1938. The library is an Art Deco library with original curved shelves, wooden counter and metal windows. Our library is in the centre of Padiham which has some interesting architecture and history of it's own and this will be the theme of the guided walk hosted by a local historian. We will also be open as usual for those who might just want to call in and see the library.

Michael Duckworth 07764244766
Padiham.library@lancashire.gov.uk
www.lancashire.gov.uk

ST. JOHN'S PARISH HALL

Ivy Street, off Colne Road, Burnley, BB10 1TD
10 September 2pm

Burnley and District Historical Society Talk: From Battleground to Underground: A Lancashire Architect, by Denise North

https://burnleyhistoricalsociety.org/

LOOK UP HERITAGE TRAIL AROUND BURNLEY

Burnley Town Centre
12-21 September

When you look up more you discover heritage details and features you have never seen before! Take part in a heritage trail around Burnley's Conservation Area. Grab a trail leaflet at one of our participating locations and start discovering: Burnley Town Hall, Burnley Library, Burnley Markets rest area, Burnley Mechanics, 123 St James Street, Charter Walk Management Office. For more details visit burnleyhaz.org.uk

TOWNELEY HALL ART GALLERY & MUSEUM

Towneley Park, Burnley BB11 3RQ
12-21 September Wed - Sun 12-4.30pm

Towneley Hall is open following its major restoration. Check the website or contact the Hall for details of special heriatge restoration tours.

01282 477130
TowneleyHall@burnley.gov.uk
https://towneley.org.uk/

Fully accessible | Partially accessible | Book in advance | Toilet | Accessible Toilet | Refreshments | Parking

BURNLEY CENTRAL LIBRARY

Grimshaw Street, Burnley, BB11 2BD
12-21 September 9am – 5pm

Contact the library or see event listings on the website for further details. Contact the Library to check accessibility before travelling.

0300 123 6703
burnley.library@lancashire.gov.uk

BURNLEY CIVIC TRUST HERITAGE IMAGE COLLECTION EXHIBITION

Images of Lost Buildings and the Burco Dean Collection - Cutting Edge Designs from Yesteryear.

CASUAL MINDS MATTER

4 Howe Walk, Burnley, BB11 1QB
12, 13, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19 and 20 September 10am - 4pm

Pendle Sons of Ulster Loyal Orange Lodge heritage display.

ACCRINGTON LIBRARY

Accrington Library, St. James Street, Accrington, Lancashire, BB5 1NQ
12, 13, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19 and 20 September 9am-5pm

Experience and learn about the unique architecture of the Grade II listed Carnegie library that has been central to the town since 1908.

During normal opening times visitors can come into the library and admire the architecture of this beautiful Grade II listed Carnegie library. Built in 1907 as a public library, the building will have information boards throughout highlighting architectural features that people often miss alongside an exhibition showing how the building has changed over the years alongside reproductions of the original architect's plans.

0300 123 6703
www.lancashire.gov.uk
(roadside)

STANHILL HERITAGE TRAIL

Stanhill Village Memorial Gardens, Stanhill Road, Stanhill BB5 4PS
12 September 9.30am

Andrew Barnes will lead this 2-3 hour walk on behalf of the Stanhill Village Community Association. The tour will cover six sites: the birthplace of the Industrial Textile Revolution, the cottage where James Hargreaves invented the Spinning Jenny in 1764, Stanhill Hall and Peel Fold Farm. The tour will also include the former Italian POW camp, which later housed German POWs. Finally, attendees will learn about the area's important role in the development of calico printing.

The trail involves hard pavement, footpathand bridlepath. Please wear appropriate footwear.

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www.stanhillvillage.co.uk/heritagetrail

BURNLEY CIVIC QUARTER WALK

Burnley Civic Trust Office, Rear of Burnley Town Hall
13 September 11am

A walk and talk by Roger Frost MBE and Civic Trust members around the Civic Quarter of Burnley starting at the Burnley Civic Trust office at the rear of Burnley Town Hall. Discover the history of the notable buildings and architectural gems of the area between Manchester Road, Parker Lane, St James Street and back to the Town Hall car-park. Contact us for access details.

burnleycivictrust@gmail.com
https://www.burnleycivictrust.org.uk/

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Burnley leisure & culture

QUEEN STREET MILL TEXTILE MUSEUM

Queen Street Mill Textile Museum, Queen Street, Harle Syke, Burnley, BB10 2HX
13 September 12 – 4pm

The last steam-powered weaving shed in the world, Queen Street Mill is a unique survivor of Britain's industrial age. Discover the story of life in the cotton-weaving mills, and the innovation of engineers throughout the decades. See demonstrations of original textile machinery including 130-year-old Lancashire Looms. With authentically dressed staff, traditional entertainment, and exclusive access to some behind-the-scenes areas.

01282 459996
Queenstreetmillburnley@lancashire.gov.uk
https://www.lancashire.gov.uk/leisure-and-culture/museums/queen-street-mill-textile-museum/

BURNLEY TOWN CENTRE, VINTAGE AND PERFORMANCE CAR SHOW

St James Street, Burnley
13 September 11am-3pm

Burnley is revving up for a day of entertainment and visitors can expect to see an array of vintage and performance vehicles on St James's Street.

Burnley Vintage and Performance Car Show 2025 is being brought to the town centre by Burnley Business Improvement District (BID) with the support of The Rotary Club of Burnley.

https://discoverburnley.co.uk/whatson/burnley-vintage-and-performance-car-show-2025/

WEAVERS' TRIANGLE VISITOR CENTRE

85 Manchester Road Burnley, BB11 1JZ
13, 14, 20, 21, 27 & 28 September 1-4pm

Visit the Wharf Masters office & store built in the 19th century and explore the history of Burnley and its cotton industry. Includes a working model fairground and Victorian schoolroom.

Open every Saturday & Sunday in September.

01282 452403 / 07999 844414
weaverstriangle@yahoo.co.uk
https://weaverstriangle.co.uk/

OAK MOUNT MILL ENGINE HOUSE

Wiseman Street, Burnley, BB11 1RU
14 & 21 September 2-4pm

See the impressive restored steam engine in operation througout the afternoon, now powered by an electric motor.

01282 452403 / 07999 844414
weaverstriangle@yahoo.co.uk
https://weaverstriangle.co.uk/

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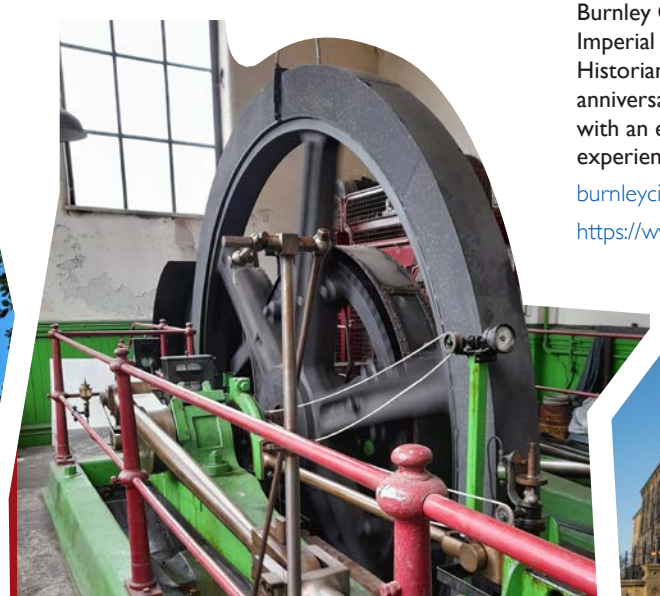

ACCRINGTON TOWN HALL

42 Blackburn Road, Accrington, BB5 1LA
15 September 10am & 11.30am

Councillor Josh Allen, elected Mayor of Hyndburn, will provide tours of Accrington Town Hall. Originally commissioned as 'The Peel Institute' to commemorate the life of the former Prime Minister, Sir Robert Peel, the first prime minister from an industrial background.

07830 005065
josh.allen@hyndburnbc.gov.uk

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BURNLEY TOWN HALL

Burnley Town Hall, Manchester Road, Burnley, BB11 9SA
17 September 11am

Meeting at the Town Hall reception desk, join local historian Roger Frost to explore the architecture and heritage of the Grade 2 listed Town Hall which opened in 1888. Includes visiting the Council Chamber and police cell.

A BURNLEY LAD IN THE IMPERIAL EAST

Rooms 2/3
17 September 6.45pm for 7pm

Burnley Civic Trust Talk: A Burnley lad in the Imperial East - a prisoner-of-war archive. Historian Dr Stephen Tate marks the 80th anniversary of the end of World War Two with an examination of his father Arthur's experience of captivity in Hong Kong and Japan.

burnleycivictrust@gmail.com
https://www.burnleycivictrust.org.uk/

GAWTHORPE TEXTILES COLLECTION, NORTHLIGHT

Suite 226, Northlight, Pendle Road, Brierfield, BB9 5FL
17 September 11am, 1pm & 3pm

Northlight is a former mill built in 1832 and a local landmark in Brierfield, which is now not only offices and flats but the new home of Gawthorpe Textile Collection. Three store tours led by Curator Rachel Midgley will demonstrate how the space has been re-purposed and adapted to house this unique textile collection of over 30,000 items. If you have access needs, please contact us when booking.

01282 773963

info@gawthorpetextiles.org.uk
www.gawthorpetextiles.org.uk
Book by Eventbrite

ACCRINGTON STANLEY FOOTBALL CLUB

Wham Stadium, Livingstone Road, Accrington, BB5 5BX
17 September 9.30am & 11am

Tours will provide a behind-the-scenes glimpse of the club, offering a chance to see Stanley's history timeline and learn more about the club's fantastic history. The tours will be led by Accrington Stanley's Supporter Liaison Officer, Robert Houseman. They will provide a unique experience of one of the founder members of the Football League, dating back to 1888.

Robert Houseman 01254 356950
info@accringtonstanley.co.uk
www.accringtonstanley.co.uk
Book by phone or email

ST PETER'S CHURCH

Church Street, Burnley
20 September 10am-1pm

An opportunity to look round this beautiful Parish Church, parts of which date back to the early 16th Century. Displays from the Parish archive.

Roger Frost will be leading a tour of the church at 10.15am and there will be a short recital on our historic organ from 11.15am.

There will be activities on offer for children. Parking will be available in the school yard (disabled parking only in the churchyard).

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ONETWOTHREE

123 St James' Street, Burnley, BB1 1PP
20 September 12-4pm

A new art space in Burnley!

Renovated with National Lottery Heritage Funding, come and explore our building and find out more about the past whilst we tell you about our plans for the future.

karen@karengreen.info
www.creativespacesburnley.co.uk

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GAWTHORPE HALL

Gawthorpe Hall, Burnley Road,
Padiham, Burnley, BB12 8SD
20 September 12-4pm

Discover the story of the Shuttleworth family home, explore the fabulous historic rooms and see the new Gawthorpe Textiles Collection displays. Includes drop in beginner sewing activities for children age 5+ in the library with GTC. Children must be accompanied by an adult. Explore the grounds and visit the Walled Garden also open on the day.

01282 771004
gawthorpehall@lancashire.gov.uk
www.lancashire.gov.uk/museums

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ALL SAINT'S CHURCH WITH ST JOHN THE BAPTIST, HABERGHAM

Padiham Road, Burnley BB12 6LG
20 September 12-4pm

Explore the history of the church, discover the connections with Gawthorpe Hall and see the stunning East Window. All Saints was built in 1849 and designed by Weightman and Hadfield pioneers of the Gothic revival style who were also responsible for the design St Mary's on Yorkshire Street

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OSWALDTWISTLE MILL

Colliers Street, Oswaldtwistle, BB5 3DE
20 September 10.30am & 12.30pm

A guided tour by one of the professional tour guides will take you around the 120,000 sq ft of retail shopping space, telling the story of the mill, which dates back to 1824 when the mill was built and was known as Moscow Mill.

Nick Pitman: 01254 871025
https://o-mills.co.uk

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BURNLEY MECHANICS THEATRE

Manchester Road, Burnley, BB11 1BH
20th September 11am-3pm

Originally opened as Burnley's Mechanics Institute in 1855, this Grade 2 star listed building was designed by Architect James Green of Todmorden. Still a centre of local cultural activity, join us for a day of history as we celebrate our 170th anniversary. Includes a display of items from the Burnley Empire archive including never before displayed decorative plasterwork saved during building works.

01282 664400
burnleymechanics@blcgroup.co.uk
https://blcgroup.co.uk/locations/burnley-mechanics-theatre/

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BURNLEY ON FILM

11:30-12:30 Burnley's Last Tram, Burnley in 1939 before the War, Ian Nairne's visit to Burnley in 1972, Building the Thompson Centre (1974) Burnley promotional film

1:0-2:00 films by Sam Hanna, Operation Springclean and The Royal Visit 1968, Express Story (1974) and the Barden School Community Group

www.burnleyfilmmakers.org
https://burnleymechanics.ticketsolve.com/ticketbooth/shows/873675901

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RAZA JAMIA MASJID MOSQUE

39 Lower Antley Street, Accrington, BB5 0BA
20 September 12pm & 1pm

See inside one of the largest and most beautiful Mosques in the UK. Discover the history, beliefs and practices of Islam through a fantastic and extensive Exhibition. All faiths and members of the community are welcome. Leaders will take two separate groups around the Mosque.

Book via Jemshad Ahmed 01254 952548
raza.link@hotmail.com
https://razajamiamasjid.co.uk

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ST. JAMES CHURCH

Cannon Street, Accrington, BB5 2ER
21 September 1pm & 2.30pm

Guided tours by the church warden. See the Accrington Pals regimental flag that the 11th Battalion carried into battle and brought back from the Somme. Jonathan Peel and his family regularly attended services at St. James. The Hargreaves family were also prominent worshippers there. On the church wall, there are brass plaques honouring the Peels and the Hargreaves, along with memorials displayed throughout the church.

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gordon@whewell.plus.com

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MOORSIDE HOUSE

Burnley Road, Altham, Accrington, Lancashire BB5 5TZ
20th September 4–5pm, 21st September 12–1pm

An exclusive guided tour by the current owner of Moorside House and gardens. A Grade II Listed building, once home to the pioneer of women's suffrage. Lydia Ernstine Becker.

Kelly Groves
info@moguhl.com
www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/1556198895789

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HAWORTH ART GALLERY

Hollins Lane, Accrington, BB5 2JS

21 September 12pm – 4pm
Discover the Arts and Crafts architecture of Haworth Art Gallery. From the protective grotesques on the parapet to the hand chiselled oak made by artists and craftsmen, every detail is made to fit into a home that reflects its surroundings. Learn about Lancashire born Walter Brierley who went on to become one of the north's leading architects. Venture into the gardens and hear about York based, Backhouse Nursery and participate in family friendly activities.

01254 233782
www.hyndburnbc.gov.uk/HaworthAccrington/

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PADIHAM TOWN CENTRE

Padiham Library, Padiham Town Hall, Burnley Road, Padiham, BB12 8BS
22 September 2-3pm

Meeting at Padiham Library, join Carol Stinton for a mini tour through Padiham and up to Memorial Park.
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